

Subject Line: In support of RSB 354

Dear Members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Pamela Liming and I'm a parent leader. I am writing asking you support **Senate Bill 354**, a bill that will create a music therapy license in Connecticut. This bill is important because it will allow Connecticut citizens to more easily access music therapy services, and it will protect the public by ensuring that these services are provided by trained and qualified practitioners. Please note that my support of licensure for music therapy is dependent on some language changes which have been submitted as written testimony by Jennifer Sokira on behalf of the CT Task Force. These changes ensure that the license is reflective of current board certification requirements in music therapy and is not limiting to the practices of Board Certified Music Therapists currently in CT.

I have a son with Autism, my son has received music therapy for more than 10 years. Music Therapy has increased by son's cognitive, social and emotional capabilities and provided him with enough confidence to perform music in front of an audience. He looks forward to music therapy each week and the value it brings to his life.

For these reasons, I ask that you please vote "yes" on **Senate Bill 354!**

Sincerely,

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